THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The Children of non-resident Indians are eligible for admission to Colleges|Universities in India. However, respresentations are received from non-resident Indians about the problems faced by their children in seeking admissions o universities|colleges due to domiciliary qualifications. The University Grants Commission, which had also considered the suggestion to reserve seats for children of non-resident Indians in the universities in the country, felt that such reservations would not be appropriate. The Commission, however, felt that steps could be considered for relaxing the time schedule for submission of applications by non-resident Indians, and assisting them by providing information on equivalence of qualfications obtained by their children in foreign countries, etc. There is, however, no concrete proposal|scheme under consideration to provide Indian education to the children of non-resident Indians.

Modern hostel for Railway employees at Gwalior

2309. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a modern hostel for railwaymen at Gwalior;

(b) if so, whether this hostel has been well-equipped and fully furnished with all amenities;

(c) if so, what is the number of employees who would be entitled to avail of the facility and to what extent it would be beneficial to the employees; and

(d) whether such hostels are also being provided at other places in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. However, a 40 bedded subsidised hostel has been set up at Gwalior for student children of Railway employees.

(b) The hosel is equipped with adequate amenities.

(c) All railwaymen whose pay does not exceed Rs. 1719|- per month are eligible for this facility. Student children of railway employees posted at outside stations lacking educational facilities, will greatly benefit from this facility in having uninterrupted studies.

(d) One such hostel is under construction at Indore.

Extension of Fazilka-Rewari Train upto Delhi

2310. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the Fazilka-Rewari train up to Delhi and to convert it into a fast passenger train so as to provide a direct rail link for the people of Fazilka and the adjoining areas with Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWYAS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Seminar on University autonomy

2311 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact a seminar on university Autonomy and related issues was organised recently in Trivandrum

which was attended by eminent educationists from all over the country;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made at the seminar;

(c) whether the said recommendations, included those on the autonomy with accountability and benevolent attitude by Government; and

(d) what steps are being taken to implement those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) Some reports have, however, appeared in the press that a seminar on "University autonomy and related issues" was organised by the Trivandrum Citizens' Forum and eminent educationists had participated in the seminar. The Department of Education has however, not received the proceedings of the seminar or details about the recommendations made at the seminar.

Four-laning of Culcutta-Bhubaneswar Stretch on National Highway 5

2312. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the traffic density on N.H. 5 between Calcutta and Bhubaneswar and whether the present road width is adequate to meet the present traffic density;

(b) if not, whether there is any proposal for four-laning the said road; if so, by when the said plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) As per the traffic census conducted in June, 1988, the traffic density between Calcutta and Bhubaneswar varies from 7295 PCUS to 27090 PCUS. In certain sections, the road width is not adequate.

(b) The proposal for four laning the Caluctta Bhubaneswar section carrying maximum traffic has already been initiated. It is too early to indicate its date of completion.

Shifting of the Lucknow Regional office of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to the New Building

2313. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building to Kendriya Vidyalaya, Aliganj, Lucknow is nearing completion;

(b) whether it is also a fact that efforts are afoot to shift the Lucknow Regional Office of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to a part of this building;

(c) if so, whether it is academically a sound proposition;

(d) whether Government have received any representations against this decision; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No decision has been taken in this regard.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने के लिए उठाये गये कदम

2314. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान तथा प्रशिक्षण परिषद् द्वारा किए गए पांचवें शैक्षणिक सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में प्राथमिक पाठशालाओं के स्तर पर ही पढ़ाई छोड़ देने वाले बालकों की दर में निरन्तर वृद्धि हो रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में तथ्य क्या है ;